



# ***Town of Weare Parks and Recreation***

***Meeting Minute  
May 18, 2012***

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: ~7:00PM**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Melissa Drury, Val King, Chuck Metcalf, Jim Blouin, Randy Magoon, Gene Propper, and Mike Housman. Welcome ex-officio member Jim Leary.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Susan Couhie teaches private swim lessons at Chase Park and has done so for many years. She wanted to express her concern regarding the increase in her Chase Park user fee. The town charges an \$80 facility use fee for use of other town facilities. Why is her user fee \$50/wk? Town swim program lets people into the park at no charge, but her parents are charged a reduced parking fee.

The facility use contract states, " For Private events such as baby showers private dances, receptions, etc, the fee is \$40/event. For Non-profit Groups such as church groups, civic organizations, such as Scouts, school dances, coffee houses, etc., there is a charge of \$10 per event. Multiple users is as follows:

6-10 times in a given year \$50/year  
11-20 times in a given year \$60/year  
21-30 times in a given year \$70/year  
31 and up in a given year \$80/year

*Chuck made a motion to change the for profit organizations facility use fee for Chase Park to \$40/event (to be consistent with private even policy). For the purposes of this motion, an event equals a single, one-week swim session. Randy seconded the motions. 5-0-2. Motion carried.*

**RECREATIONAL AREAS UPDATE:**

- Bolton has been aerate and seeded.
- Discussion regarding adding irrigation system to Purington. There is a well on the premises. Concerns: expensive, needs more soil first (grass won't grow on what's there)
- Jim and Mike fixed the irrigation timer at Ineson. The timer was OK, but the clock was off.
- Attempts to reach the woman who was interested in doing swim lessons for the town have failed Her phone is not working. No response to e-mails. No response to all other attempts to reach her. Assuming the woman is no longer interested.
- Sign-ups for swim lessons is on May 23rd. Due to limited lessons available, the consensus was to give preference to Weare residents.

- Young man seeking community service hours (Melissa's contact) planted the roses at Chase Park. He will need his time sheet signed off. Must be on letterhead. This can be done as one letter once he completes any other projects we have for him. Next project: paint the pavilion at Chase.
- The prisoners swept the parking lot and moved the picnic tables. They were kind enough to prioritize our project over others they were requested to do. Val will send Thank You to Tony Sawyer on behalf of PARC.
- The park benches around the Gazebo are in disrepair. Gene will let Naomi know (these belong to the historic society)
- The screen loam (for the area where the ice rink was) has not arrived. Public works does not expect to be able to get this project done before the carnival. The group (from Goffstown) that runs the carnival will be coming to look at the area to be sure it won't be a problem for them to set-up in this area. The BOS will not agree to remove the sand from the area.
- The fields are in high demand and are being damaged by overuse. The Committee needs to start planning for adding more fields. Subcommittee formed: Randy, Chuck and Jim Leary.
- Melissa noted that a resident inquired about PARC setting up a vending machine or snack shack at the park or maybe a splash part at Bolton Field.

#### **COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

- The Patriotic Celebration will be July 6-7th. A facility use request form has been submitted by the Celebration committee. Mike will ask them what their non-profit status is (to determine fee).
- Sugar and Spice event with the Fire Department will be on June 9th from 7AM to 4PM. "Touch-a-Truck" and games in the gazebo area. No facility use fee required.
- Senior lunch will be held on June 19th. \$12/person with a maximum of 30 people.

*Jim B. made a motion to fund the Senior Wearites luncheon on June 19th at \$12 per person for up to 30 people. Randy seconded the motion. 6-0-1. Motion carried.*

- Chase Park opens on May 20th. The water needs to be turned on before we open. Jim, Chuck, Randy, Gene and Mike will all try to be there on Saturday (5/12) morning to get the system running.
- Lake Horace Landowners Association Annual Meeting will be held at Chase Park on July 8th from 9AM until 1PM

**MEETING ADJOURNED: ~8:55PM**